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Sheriff's Deputy Charged With Rape, Soliciting Bribes

A 28-year-old sheriff's deputy arrested Monday evening on rape and other charges involving two women is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, the District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy Jose Rigoberto Sanchez (dob 9-9-84) is charged in case BA414107 with 11 felony counts, including soliciting a bribe, kidnapping to commit another crime, rape by fear or duress and multiple counts of sexual assault under color of authority. He is being held on \$1.45 million bail.

After an extensive investigation by the District Attorney's Justice System Integrity Division, Sanchez was charged with soliciting a bribe from a female driver he pulled over in Palmdale while on duty on Sept. 22, 2010. Sanchez allegedly offered not to arrest her on an outstanding warrant in exchange for sex. Two nights later, he pulled over another female on suspicion of DUI and allegedly solicited a bribe in the form of sexual activity.

Sanchez is schedule to be arraigned after 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon with the Justice System Integrity Division.

If convicted, he faces up to life in state prison.

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